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FOOL THOUGHT HE COULD COVER
UP THE FOOTSTEPS OF A
GHOST... HMMM!



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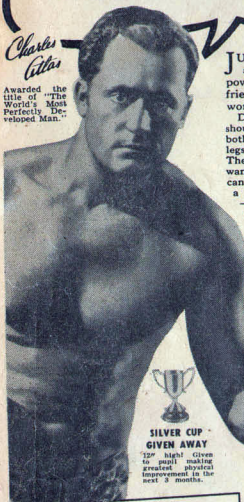
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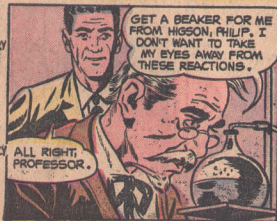
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HORROR IN DUPLICATE!

CLUITCHING FINGERS
REACHED OUT FROM ANOTHER
WORLD...STRETCHING FOR
THE UNWARY...PILING
TERROR UPON TERROR! WHO
KNOWS WHAT MAN MAY BE
THE NEXT VICTIM OF THE
HORROR THAT LIES WAITING
AROUND US... THE HORROR
IN DUPLICATE!



IT WAS IN THE
MIDST OF THE
HERMES RADIO-
LOGICAL LABORATORY
THAT THIS STRANGE
STORY BEGAN.
PROFESSOR HUGH
CLARKSON, CHIEF
OF THE LAB WAS
ENGAGED IN AN
IMPORTANT EXPERI-
MENT AS HE
TALKED ABSTRACTLY
TO HIS YOUNG
ASSISTANT,
PHILIP TRAGER.



GET A BEAKER FOR ME
FROM HIGSON, PHILIP. I
DON'T WANT TO TAKE
MY EYES AWAY FROM
THESE REACTIONS.

ALL RIGHT,
PROFESSOR.

HIGSON
... DO
YOU
MIND
IF I ...

WHY DON'T YOU WATCH WHAT YOU'RE
DOING? COMING HERE... BOTHER-
ING ME... DISTURBING ME WHEN I'M
CONCENTRATING! STAY WHERE YOU
BELONG!



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WORDS OF FURY POURED FROM DR. HIGSON'S LIPS... HIGSON, WHO HAD ALWAYS BEEN SUCH A KIND, MILD-MANNERED MAN.

CAN'T ANY WORK BE DONE AROUND HERE WITHOUT PEOPLE BARGING IN ALL THE TIME... MAKING NUISANCES OF THEMSELVES...

ALL RIGHT, HIGSON, I'M SORRY!



DID YOU NOTICE THE WAY HIGSON ACTED? WHAT'S GOT INTO HIM?

NOT ONLY HIGSON... BUT JENKINS AND SATTERLEE AS WELL! I... I THINK I KNOW WHAT THE TROUBLE IS... AND IT FRIGHTENS ME!



BUT WHAT ON EARTH COULD CHANGE MEN LIKE THAT... MAKE SNARLING, MEAN PERSONALITIES OUT OF PLEASANT PEOPLE? I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT!

THAT'S JUST IT! IT ISN'T ANYTHING ON EARTH! IT'S SOMETHING FROM BEYOND THE EARTH!



WHAT KIND OF NONSENSE IS THAT? I THOUGHT YOU...

DON'T SAY ANY MORE, PHILIP! HIGSON'S COMING... AND I DON'T WANT HIM TO HEAR. COME TO MY HOUSE TONIGHT, AND I'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT!



PHILIP TRAGER WAS A PUZZLED MAN THAT EVENING AS HE MADE HIS WAY TO PROFESSOR CLARKSON'S LONELY HOME. THE CHANGE IN THE PERSONALITIES OF HIS FELLOW WORKERS WAS BAD ENOUGH... BUT THE PROFESSOR'S HINT THAT STRANGE FORCES WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHANGE BROUGHT A PREMONITION OF TERROR.

THE PROFESSOR ISN'T THE TYPE TO FRIGHTEN EASILY... AND HE SEEMED SO GENUINELY AFRAID.



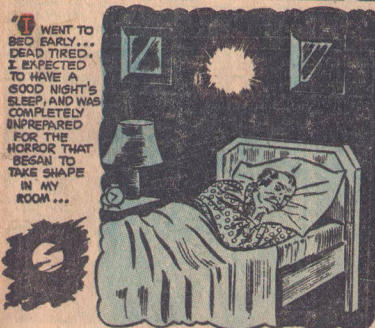
PHILIP'S FINGERS HAD SCARCELY TOUCHED THE DOOR-BELL WHEN THE FRONT DOOR WAS FLUNG OPEN.

PHILIP... YOU DID COME! I WAS AFRAID YOU MIGHT CHANGE YOUR MIND.

HARDLY, PROFESSOR! YOU CAN'T DROP A REMARK LIKE YOU DID THIS AFTERNOON AND EXPECT ME NOT TO WANT TO HEAR MORE ABOUT IT.



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YOU WILL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH
...WHEN YOU JOIN THEM!

STAY
AWAY
FROM
ME!

"THIS WEIRD
DUPLICATE OF
MYSELF
REACHED IN
AND TRIED TO
PULL ME
THROUGH INTO
THE UNBELIEV-
ABLE WORLD
IN WHICH
HE LIVED!
HIS TOUCH
WAS COLD AND
CLAMMY AND I
JUMPED BACK
AS THOUGH
A SNAKE
HAD GRIPPED
MY ARM."



YOU WON'T ESCAPE ME FOREVER, PROFESSOR
CLARKSON! THE TIME IS SHORT AND SOON I'LL
BE ABLE TO COME THROUGH INTO YOUR WORLD
AND TAKE YOUR PLACE...LIKE THE OTHERS!



BUT
PROFESSOR
...WHAT
DO YOU
THINK IT
MEANS?

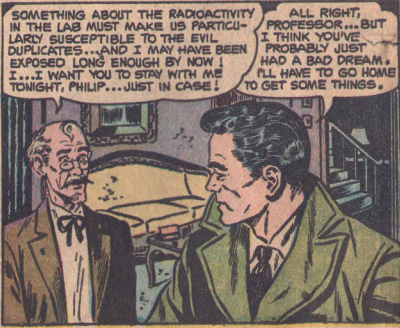
THAT STRANGE WINDOW INTO ANOTHER WORLD
DISAPPEARED IN THE NEXT INSTANT AND BY
THE TIME I'D RECOVERED FROM THE SHOCK,
I CAME TO THE ONLY POSSIBLE CONCLUSION!



AROUND US...UNSEEN BY US...POSSIBLY IN
ANOTHER DIMENSION...IS ANOTHER WORLD
...A WORLD CONSISTING OF OUR DUPLI-
CATES. THE DUPLICATES ARE LIKE US IN
EVERY WAY...
EXCEPT THAT
THEY ARE EVIL!
THEY'RE CON-
STANTLY TRYING
TO GET THROUGH
TO US, TO
TAKE OUR
PLACE AND
FORCE US
BACK INTO
THEIR
WORLD!



DON'T YOU SEE? ALL THROUGH HISTORY
THERE ARE RECORDS OF FINE MEN
SUDDENLY CHANGING...SUDDENLY DOING
EVIL THINGS! IT'S BECAUSE THEY'VE BEEN
FORCED INTO THE OTHER DIMENSION AND THEIR
DUPLICATES TOOK THEIR PLACES IN OURS! AND
THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED TO HIGSON, JENKINS
...AND THE OTHERS...AND I'M AFRAID IT
WILL HAPPEN TO ME!



SOMETHING ABOUT THE RADIOACTIVITY
IN THE LAB MUST MAKE US PARTICU-
LARLY SUSCEPTIBLE TO THE EVIL
DUPLICATES...AND I MAY HAVE BEEN
EXPOSED LONG ENOUGH BY NOW!
I...I WANT YOU TO STAY WITH ME
TONIGHT, PHILIP...JUST IN CASE!

ALL RIGHT,
PROFESSOR...BUT
I THINK YOU'VE
PROBABLY JUST
HAD A BAD DREAM.
I'LL HAVE TO GO HOME
TO GET SOME THINGS.

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ALTHOUGH PHILIP TRAGER THOUGHT THE STORY HE'D HEARD MIGHT BE THE REACTION OF AN OVERWORKED MIND, THERE WAS NO DENYING THE STARK TERROR IN PROFESSOR CLARKSON'S EYES.

YOU...YOU WON'T BE LONG, WILL YOU? I...I DON'T WANT TO BE ALONE.

I'LL BE BACK AS SOON AS I CAN!



AS HE WALKED AWAY FROM THE ATMOSPHERE OF FEAR, THE YOUNG ASSISTANT MADE A SUDDEN AND NEW DECISION.

I--I WONDER IF THE PROFESSOR COULD BE LOSING HIS MIND? MAYBE I'D BETTER SPEAK TO DR. HIGSON ABOUT IT.



I...I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU, DR. HIGSON, FOR A MINUTE ... ABOUT PROFESSOR CLARKSON.

OH...ALL RIGHT! COME IN AND I'LL PUT ON THE LIGHTS!



WHAT DID YOU WANT TO TELL ME? DID THE PROFESSOR SAY ANYTHING TO YOU?

N-NO...NOTHING...NOTHING AT ALL! I...I CHANGED MY MIND.



IT WAS A MOMENT OF NEAR-MADNESS FOR PHILIP TRAGER AS HE GAZED AT THE FACE OF DR. HIGSON...FOR WHILE THE FEATURES WERE THOSE OF HIGSON...THE EYES WERE DIFFERENT.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING? WHY ARE YOU RUNNING AWAY?



H-HIS EYES DID GLOW IN THE DARK... AS THE PROFESSOR SAID: M-MAYBE HE WAS TELLING THE TRUTH, AFTER ALL! I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO HIM IN A HURRY!



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PROFESSOR CLARKSON'S OBVIOUS FEELING OF RELIEF AT TRAGER'S RETURN WAS ALMOST PITIFUL.

I'LL KEEP THIS BELL BY MY BEDSIDE, PHILIP. IF YOU HEAR IT DURING THE NIGHT, PLEASE DON'T WASTE ANY TIME.

YES, PROFESSOR... YES. I'LL COME AT ONCE.



THE NIGHT WAS QUIET, AND PHILIP TRAGER FELL INTO A DREAMLESS SLUMBER, WHEN SUDDENLY...

THE BELL! THE PROFESSOR...



THE YOUNG MAN RACED DOWN THE CORRIDOR TOWARD PROFESSOR CLARKSON'S ROOM... SPURRED ON BY THE SHRIEKS OF TERROR THAT ECHOED AND RE-ECHOED THROUGH THE HOUSE!

CLARKSON!

PHILIP! HELP ME! HELP ME!



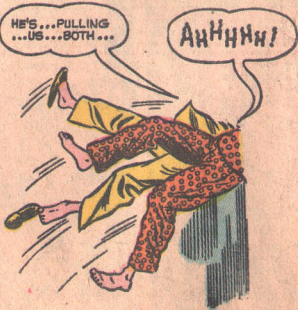
I'LL...GET...YOU...LOOSE...

YOU WON'T ESCAPE ME THIS TIME!



HE'S...PULLING...US...BOTH...

AHHHHH!



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THERE WAS A MONSTROUS PAIN...A WRENCHING AND TWISTING... AND THEN OBLIVION! AS PHILIP TRAGER SLOWLY ROSE FROM THE PIT OF BLACKNESS, HIS MIND WAS FILLED WITH THE TERROR OF HIS SITUATION.

WH-WHAT HAPPENED?
WH-WHERE ARE WE?



AND THEN HE KNEW!

WE'RE IN THE OTHER DIMENSION...THE OTHER WORLD! I...I CAN SEE THE ENTRANCE BACK TO OUR WORLD...TO YOUR ROOM! MAYBE WE CAN GET BACK!

I...I CAN'T!
M-MY STRENGTH SEEMS TO BE ALL GONE... SOMETHING ABOUT THIS PLACE HAS WEAKENED ME!



BUT I DON'T FEEL WEAK...

FOOL! WHY SHOULD YOU? YOU WEREN'T EXPECTED TO BE BROUGHT HERE AT THIS TIME...AND YOUR DUPLICATE WAS NOT WAITING FOR YOU! BUT HE WILL BE HERE SOON...



HE WON'T FIND ME HERE WHEN HE DOES COME!

HOLD HIM!

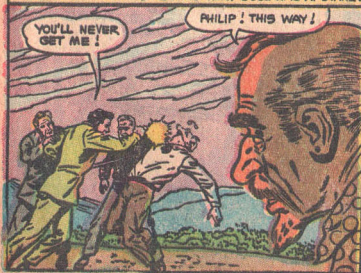


THE EVIL DUPLICATES FROM THE UNKNOWN WORLD CLOSED IN ON PHILIP TRAGER AND HE KNEW THIS STRUGGLE WAS FOR MORE THAN HIS LIFE! HIS VERY SOUL WAS AT STAKE.

WITH A SUDDEN SURGE OF STRENGTH, TRAGER BROKE THROUGH THE RING AROUND HIM AND RACED TOWARDS THE PROFESSOR.

YOU'LL NEVER GET ME!

PHILIP! THIS WAY!



MY STRENGTH RETURNED! WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE IT!

GO AHEAD! I'LL BE RIGHT BEHIND YOU!



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THEY STUMBLED THROUGH WITH ONLY SECONDS TO SPARE...EVIL CLUTCHING AT THEIR HEELS.

THEN AS THEY TURNED, PREPARED TO RENEW THE STRUGGLE...



TH- THE OPENING INTO THE OTHER WORLD IS DISAPPEARING ! THEY'RE NOT FOLLOWING US !

THEY CAN'T ! ONCE WE'VE ESCAPED... WE'RE SAFE !



IF IT HAPPENED ONCE, IT CAN HAPPEN AGAIN ! YOU'D BETTER STOP WORKING AT THE LAB... GET AWAY FROM THE RADIOACTIVITY !

I DON'T THINK IT'LL BE NECESSARY NOW, PHILIP. I'M SURE THE DANGER HAS PASSED...AND ANY FURTHER EXPOSURE TO THE FORCES IN THE LABORATORY WON'T HURT ME AT ALL.



YOUNG TRAGER WAS MOMENTARILY PUZZLED BY PROFESSOR CLARKSON'S CHANGE OF HEART.



BUT...BUT WHAT ABOUT ME ? I MIGHT FIND MYSELF IN THE SAME TROUBLE YOU WERE IN, IF I KEEP WORKING AT THE LAB ! YOU SAID IT WAS EXPOSURE TO RADIOACTIVITY THAT ATTRACTED THE DUPLICATES.

I'M NOT WORRIED ANY MORE, PHILIP, SO WHY SHOULD YOU BE ? NOW GO HOME AND GET A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP... AND I'LL MEET YOU AT THE LAB TOMORROW MORNING...AS USUAL...

ALL RIGHT, PROFESSOR...BUT I... I HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING !



THE BITING CHILL OF THE NIGHT AIR WAS A WELCOME RELIEF FROM THE THREATENING OPPRESSION OF THE PROFESSOR'S HOUSE, BUT PHILIP TRAGER COULDN'T RID HIMSELF OF THE SENSE OF IMMINENT TERROR.



I...I WISH I FELT AS POSITIVE OF SAFETY AS THE PROFESSOR DOES.



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DAY FOLLOWED DAY, AND BOTH TRAGER AND THE PROFESSOR CONTINUED WORKING AT THE LABORATORY AS THOUGH NOTHING HAD HAPPENED. YET PHILIP COULDN'T HELP BUT FEEL A GROWING TENSION...AN ATMOSPHERE OF UNSPOKEN HORROR...A NERVOUSNESS THAT DIDN'T SEEM TO BE SHARED BY PROFESSOR CLARKSON.

I...I CAN'T HELP IT! I KEEP THINKING ABOUT WHAT ALMOST HAPPENED TO YOU... AND I FIND MYSELF ALMOST AFRAID TO FALL ASLEEP AT NIGHT.

RELAX, PHILIP... WON'T YOU? YOU'RE AS JUMPY AS A CAT!

WHAT YOU NEED IS A LITTLE COMPANY! HOW ABOUT MY DROPPING OVER TO YOUR PLACE TONIGHT FOR A LITTLE VISIT?

THAT'LL BE WONDERFUL! MAYBE IT'LL HELP ME GET MY MIND OFF MYSELF!

THE SHADOW OF FEAR WAS A LIVING THING THAT HOVERED OVER THE TWO MEN THAT NIGHT!

AS SOON AS YOU FEEL ASSURED...AS I AM...THAT THE TERROR IS OVER...

WAIT! WH-WHAT'S THAT NOISE?

RRRR

TH-THAT SPOT! THE DOORWAY TO THE OTHER WORLD! U-JUST AS YOU DESCRIBED IT TO ME!

PHILIP'S REASON WAS STRAINED TO THE BREAKING POINT AS HE WATCHED THE DULL RED SPOT GROW INTO A LARGE AREA OF SWIRLING MIST...TWISTING AND TURNING AS THOUGH WITH THE FORCE OF EVIL. THEN IT CLEARED AND HE WAS ABLE TO SEE... ABLE TO STARE AT THE FACE OF...

YOU! YOU'RE... ME!

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR DAYS..!

N-NO! YOU CAN'T! I WON'T LET YOU TAKE MY PLACE IN THIS WORLD!

I'M AFRAID YOU HAVE NO CHOICE IN THE MATTER!

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P-PROFESSOR CLARKSON!!
WH-WHAT...

DON'T YOU KNOW YET,
PHILIP? HAVEN'T YOU
GUESSED?

YOU...
YOU'RE NOT
PROFESSOR
CLARKSON AT
ALL! YOU'RE
HIS DUPLICATE!



AND THEN IT CAME! THE REALIZATION OF THE TRUE,
SPINE-CHILLING MONSTER HE WAS FACING!



THAT'S RIGHT! I WAS THE ONE
WHO HELPED YOU...UH...ESCAPE,
KNOWING YOU'D KEEP FOLLOWING
MY ADVICE...AND WE WOULD
HAVE YOU AS OUR VICTIM
SOONER OR LATER!

I'M...NOT...
GOING...TO
...BE...YOUR
...VICTIM...



STEP BY STEP HE RETREATED FROM THE
MONSTER THAT HAD ASSUMED THE GUISSE OF
PROFESSOR CLARKSON...CLOSER AND CLOSER TO
THE EVIL THAT WAS WAITING BEHIND HIM UNTIL...

ANHHHHH!



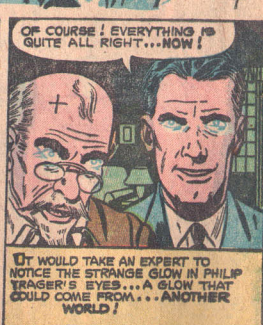
PHILIP TRAGER'S SCREAM
REOUNDED AGAIN AND
AGAIN THROUGH THE QUIET
OF THE NIGHT, AND JUST
AS IT FADED AWAY INTO
STILLNESS, A PASSER-BY
RUSHED TO THE HOUSE...

OPEN UP! OPEN
UP IN THERE!



I HEARD
SCREAMING!
IS ANYONE
HURT?

WHY...OF COURSE
NOT! IT WAS OUR
CAT! MY FRIEND,
PHILIP TRAGER, AND
I ARE THE ONLY
ONES HERE!



OF COURSE! EVERYTHING IS
QUITE ALL RIGHT...NOW!

IT WOULD TAKE AN EXPERT TO
NOTICE THE STRANGE GLOW IN PHILIP
TRAGER'S EYES...A GLOW THAT
COULD COME FROM...ANOTHER
WORLD!

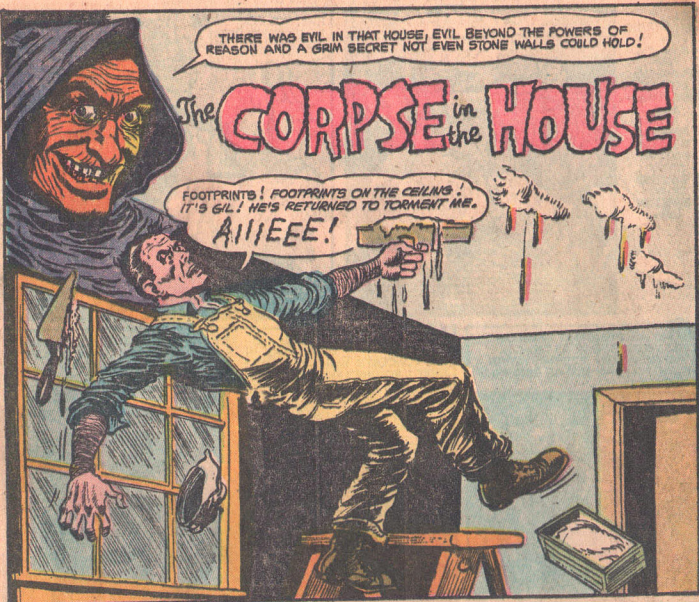
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THERE WAS EVIL IN THAT HOUSE, EVIL BEYOND THE POWERS OF REASON AND A GRIM SECRET NOT EVEN STONE WALLS COULD HOLD!

The CORPSE in the HOUSE

FOOTPRINTS! FOOTPRINTS ON THE CEILING!
IT'S GIL! HE'S RETURNED TO TORMENT ME.

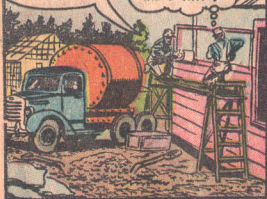
AAIEEE!



TOM MASON HATED HIS PARTNER GIL HAGGARD. AND AS THEY WORKED SIDE BY SIDE ON THE CONCRETE WALLS OF THAT BUNGALOW HIS BITTERNESS AND RESENTMENT GREW DAY BY DAY.

POUR IT SMOOTH, TOM. IT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT JOB WE EVER DID. THIS PLACE IS GOING TO BE HOME FOR PAULA AND ME AFTER WE'RE MARRIED.

PAULA MARRIED TO HIM! WHY DOES HE KEEP REMINDING ME? WHY?



I KNOW YOU WERE GOING OUT WITH PAULA BEFORE I MET HER, TOM. I KINDA HATED TO TAKE HER AWAY FROM YOU, BUT I KNOW YOU WISH ME THE BEST.

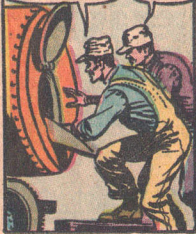
HE'S TAUNTING ME, TOYING WITH ME LIKE A CAT WITH A MOUSE. I'LL KILL HIM! KILL HIM!



IT WAS AT THAT MOMENT THAT TOM MASON'S EVIL PLAN SPRANG INTO BEING...FULL-BLOWN IN ALL ITS EVILISH MALEVOLENCE.

TOM, LOOK INSIDE THERE. THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE MIXER!

HERE, LET ME SEE.



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A SUDDEN
PUSH---
AND GIL
WAS
PLUNGING
FORWARD,
HIS BRAIN
SICK
WITH
FEAR AS
THE SLIMY
MIXTURE
NITHTH
REACHED
UP TO
SWALLOW
HIM.



TOM! YOU DON'T KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE DOING!
LET ME OUT... OUT!

TORMENT ME---TORTURE
ME---WILL YOU? I'LL TEACH
YOU ONCE AND FOR ALL!



AND AS THE GREAT DRUM OF
THE MIXER BEGAN TO TURN...
THE NOISE AND POUNDING WITHIN
GURGLD AWAY INTO AN UNEARTHLY
SILENCE!



AND SOON--- I'LL SEAL HIS
BODY HERE IN
THE CONCRETE WALL. IT'S PER-
FECT! NO ONE WILL EVER FIND
OUT!



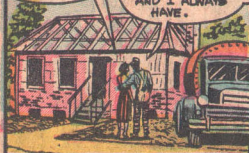
AND NOW, PAULA WILL BE MINE
AGAIN---MINE! AND THIS TIME
NO ONE WILL TAKE HER
FROM ME!



IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOWED, TOM
WAS A CONSTANT COMPANION TO PAULA
---COMFORTING HER IN HER
BEREAVEMENT.

OH, TOM, GIL MISLED
ME SO! AND NOW
JUST BEFORE THE
WEDDING HE DESERTS
ME--ALL MY DREAMS
OF HAPPINESS ARE
RUINED, I'M
ALONE NOW.

NO, PAULA---NOT
ALONE. THERE'S
A CHANCE FOR
US, NOW. YOU
AND I STILL
HAVE OUR FUTURE
AHEAD OF US. I
LOVE YOU, PAULA,
AND I ALWAYS
HAVE.



THIS HOUSE---I
COULD FINISH IT,
PAULA, FOR US
---IF YOU'LL JUST
SAY THE
WORDS.

OH TOM! I DON'T
DESERVE THIS,
AFTER THE WAY
I LEFT YOU FOR
GIL. I'VE BEEN A
FOOL... SUCH A
FOOL!



SHE'S MINE NOW AND GIL
CAN LIE AND ROT WITHIN
THOSE WALLS---TORMENTED
BY MY HAPPINESS THE WAY
HE ONCE TORMENTED ME!



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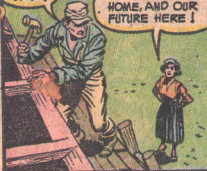
AND SO, IN THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOWED, TOM LABORED TO COMPLETE THE LITTLE BUNGALOW...THE LOVE NEST THAT HELD SO FEARFUL A SECRET ENTOMBED WITHIN ITS WALLS.

THE THOUGHT THAT YOU'RE DOING EVERYTHING HERE WITH YOUR OWN TWO HANDS MAKES EVERY NOOK AND CORNER OF THIS HOUSE PRECIOUS TO ME, TOM DARLING.

BUT TOM MASON'S HAPPINESS WAS BORROWED FROM THE DEAD. FOR THE EVIL HE HAD DONE WAS A LIVING THING THAT COILED LIKE A DARK UNFATHOMABLE FORCE THAT NO WALLS COULD HOLD. AND ONE DAY---

PAULA, DARLING! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE THIS TIME OF DAY?

I CAN'T STAY AWAY, DARLING WHEN I KNOW YOU'RE SO BUSY BUILDING OUR HOME, AND OUR FUTURE HERE!



WHAT---? FOOTSTEPS--- SPECTRAL FOOTSTEPS IN THE FRESH PLASTER...PUSHING THROUGH!



GL. HE'S IN THERE. TORTURING ME--LAUGHING AT ME.



PAULA WILL BE HERE ANY MINUTE! I'VE GOT TO COVER UP THESE FOOTPRINTS. I MUST BEFORE SHE COMES.



TOM COVERED UP THAT PHANTOM TRAIL BUT AS HE ENTERED THE HOUSE THE NEXT DAY THE FOOTPRINTS WERE THERE AGAIN.

I'VE GOT TO COVER THEM UP... I MUST, BEFORE I'M DISCOVERED.



NO ONE MUST EVER SEE THIS! NO ONE!



IN THE TORTURED DAYS THAT FOLLOWED, THOSE GRIM SYMBOLS OF HIS DEED MARKED THE CEILING AGAIN AND AGAIN. AND EACH TIME, TOM COVERED THEM HASTILY UNTIL ONE DAY---

DARLING---THIS LIVING ROOM---IS IT MY IMAGINATION, OR IS THIS CEILING LOWER THAN THE OTHERS?

ER---YES, PAULA. ---ER---LOW CEILING LIVING ROOMS ARE COMING INTO FASHION. ...I THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE IT.



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AT LAST THE SPECTRAL PHENOMENON CEASED AND TOM CONGRATULATED HIMSELF, BUT HIS VICTORY WAS ONLY TEMPORARY, FOR IT WAS THE VERY NEXT WEEK THAT HE FIRST NOTICED A FAINT, UNDESCRIBABLY EVIL ODOR ABOUT THE HOUSE.



UGH! IT'S LIKE THE SCENT OF ROTTING FLESH. GIL'S BODY...IT MUST BE DECAYING AND THE ODOR'S BREAKING THROUGH THE WALLS.

WHAT WILL I DO? PAULA WILL BE HERE THIS AFTERNOON. IF SHE NOTICES ANYTHING I'M SUNK.



HE SPRAYED THE ROOM WITH DEODORANTS, DOUSED THE WALLS WITH CHLOROPHYLL BUT NOTHING HELPED. THE VERY REEK OF DEATH WAS IN THE AIR!

IT'S HOPELESS. I CAN'T GET RID OF THE SMELL. I CAN'T!



BUT ODDLY ENOUGH WHEN PAULA ARRIVED ---

DARLING, DO YOU SMELL ANYTHING IN THE HOUSE? A DISAGREEABLE ODOR?

WHY NO, TOM. WHY DO YOU ASK?



IT'S NOTHING, NOTHING, DARLING.

SHE CAN'T SMELL IT BUT I KNOW IT'S THERE...GIL'S BODY---BIDING ITS TIME WITHIN THE WALLS. WAITING. WAITING.



PAULA LOVED THAT LITTLE BUNGALOW AND PERHAPS THAT'S WHY SHE PLANNED TO HOLD THE WEDDING THERE. HOW COULD SHE KNOW WHAT UNHOLY EVENTS HAD TRANSPIRED IN THESE WALLS? OR WHAT A GRIM CLIMAX WAS IN STORE FOR HER PLANS. FOR AS THE CEREMONY BEGAN---

DEARLY BELOVED, WE ARE GATHERED HERE --- WHAT'S THAT? SOME WARM LIQUID DROPPING ON MY HEAD.



WARM AND STICKY... IT'S BLOOD! DRIPPING FROM THAT STAIN ON THE CEILING!



IT'S GIL UP THERE STILL TORTURING ME, STILL TRYING TO FRIGHTEN ME. BUT I MUSTN'T LET HIM GET AWAY WITH IT NOW. I'VE GOT TO KEEP MY NERVE.

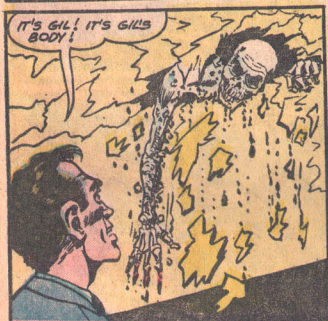


PRIMEVAL FEAR WAS SURGING THROUGH HIS VEINS, BUT TOM MASON GRITTED HIS TEETH AND HELD ON TO HIS SANITY AS HE LISTENED TO THE CEREMONY.

IF ANY MAN CAN SHOW JUST CAUSE WHY THESE TWO MAY NOT BE JOINED IN LAWFUL MATRIMONY, LET HIM NOW SPEAK OR HERE—AFTER FOREVER HOLD HIS PEACE.

THE GRIM WORDS ECHOED THROUGH THE ROOM LIKE AN INFATHOMABLE PORTENT. THEN SUDDENLY, THE COMPANY STARED AGHAST AS THE CEILING ABOVE THEM CRACKED FROM WALL TO WALL AND—

WATCH OUT! THE CEILING'S CRACKING. IT'S GOING TO FALL!



THERE WASN'T MUCH FLESH ON THE HAND—JUST ENOUGH TO HOLD THE BONES TOGETHER, JUST ENOUGH TO POINT AN ACCUSING FINGER...SUDDENLY IT WAS TOO MUCH, GABBLING WITH FEAR TOM MASON BROKE AND RAN!

LET ME OUT! LET ME OUT OF THIS HOUSE BEFORE I GO MAD!

I THINK WE'D BETTER CALL THE POLICE!

A SHAME, WASN'T IT, THAT GIL HAD TO SPOIL THE WEDDING? TOO BAD, YOU MISSED ALL THE FUN. BUT STILL, WE'LL TRY TO MAKE IT UP TO YOU. THERE'LL BE PLENTY OF ENTERTAINMENT—AT THE HANGING.

LET ME GO. LET ME GET OUT OF HERE! HE'S AFTER ME. GIL'S AFTER ME FOR KILLING HIM!

GRAB HIM! QUICK!



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MONSTERS OF THE DEEP

IT'S JEFF CORBY! HE'S
RETURNED WITH HIS NEW
FRIENDS... TO DEVOUR US
ALL!

QUICK! CUT TH'
DIVING BELL LOOSE!
IT'S THE ONLY WAY
TO SAVE THE SHIP!

AN OMINOUSLY
STORMY NIGHT WAS
BREWING AS THE OLD
SCHOONER "NEW BEDFORD" CAST
OFF HER MOORINGS FROM A TINY,
ROCK-SOUND FISHING PIER...

HEAVE AWAY ON THOSE
SAILS, LADS! WE'VE GOT
TO CLEAR THE REEFS
AHEAD OR WE'LL CRASH!

WE'LL GET THE
CANVAS UP, CAP'N
MARLIN! YOU TEND
TO THE HELM...

LEGEND OF LOST LAKE

By Jess Cole



"A H, YES, my friends. It was just such a night that Amie Heville returned from a visit to her sick sweetheart—a wild desolate night with the wind howling down from the hills!"

In the tiny north woods' cabin Pierre Manton paused in his harrowing tale. Outside, the wind wailed across the icy wasteland of Lost Lake. Near the fire old Leon Garreaux, Pierre's partner, stared glumly at their guest, Paul Dennis. The young man was engrossed in Pierre's story.

"It was in the middle of the lake that the tragedy occurred," continued Pierre. "A weak spot in the ice and Amie was plunged into the freezing waters. How pitifully she must have screamed, poor, beautiful Amie! How she must have clawed at the ice in her last moments! But there was no one to hear—no one to help!"

Pierre's voice dropped to a whisper. "And now on dark lonely nights a wanderer may sometimes see Amie's agonized face beneath the ice, her fingers clawing, fighting to get free. But he must not pause, our wanderer. For if he would try to help she would drag him to his death, down into the dark waters of Lost Lake!"

There was a long moment of eerie silence and then Paul Dennis arose. "I've got to leave now, boys. It's a long walk to my cabin across the lake." With a grin he extracted a greenback from his wallet and put it on the table. "You're really making my vacation worthwhile, Pierre. These stories you're telling me will be sensational in my collection of ghost stories. But you will admit this last one is pretty hard to believe."

Pierre hunched his huge shoulders and buried his face in his hands. "You may believe this one, Monsieur," he said sadly. "For I was the sweetheart Amie visited that night!"

In the flickering firelight Dennis stood for a long frozen instant. When he spoke his voice was husky with emotion. "I'm sorry, Pierre. It was a thoughtless remark. I didn't know." He turned slowly and walked out into the night.

Even as the door closed old Leon turned on Pierre with a grimace of disgust. "Sacre! But you are a fool to tell such stories, Pierre. You never had a sweetheart called Amie. And there is no ghost in Lost Lake."

Pierre roared with laughter as he picked the greenback up from the table. "And what do I care for truth or lies? Our friend wanted a story and was willing to pay for it!"

"But to tell such a mad tale . . ." Old Leon shuddered. ". . . And then to take money for it. I tell you it is evil to invent stories like that. I say you tamper with things you don't understand."

"And I say you are a superstitious fool, Garreaux. You begin to weary me." Pierre advanced menacingly and Leon backed away.

It was in that moment that a scream echoed through the night—a cry of such despair that even the howling wind paused to listen!

"It came from the lake!" rasped Pierre.

"Morableu! It must be that young fool Dennis! Come, quickly!"

There was no moon. It took them long precious moments to find the deadly break in the ice and the body of Paul Dennis floating face down in the dark waters. Pierre stared at the axe lying on the nearby snow. "The fool," he growled. "What did he do that for?"

"Never mind that," snapped Garreaux. "Help me get him out. He may still have a chance!"

And then, as they hauled the limp form onto the ice, the old man's face went pale with fear. "Look there," he croaked hoarsely! "That face in the water—beneath the ice!"

Pierre glanced down. Was it a shadow, or was it the terror-stricken, desperate face of a girl staring back at him from beneath the surface? With sudden determination Pierre tore his eyes away. "Sacre! You sicken me with your stupid superstitions!" But as he helped carry Dennis away his eyes turned involuntarily backward to the ominous gap in the ice.

But there was little they could do for Paul Dennis. Even as they arrived in his cabin the spark of life was flickering for the last time. The shock of his exposure had been far too

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severe and it took but a glance to see that death held him in its remorseless clutches. Only once did his eyes open and Pierre Manton turned away from the mad demoniacal light he saw in them. Only once did he speak but Pierre wished he had not heard those delirious words.

"Amie . . . There under the ice . . . Struggling . . . Begging me to save her . . . But she dragged me down—down . . . As the portent of those words struck him the blood drained from Pierre's face. On the cot Dennis' body shuddered and went limp.

Garreaux arose slowly, a hysterical light in his eyes, his fists clenched. "It's all your fault. I warned you not to tell such stories! I warned you not to dabble with things you did not understand, but you laughed!"

Pierre shrugged. "Stop your screeching. Am I to blame if the fool believed that stupid tale?" He turned and searched briefly through the wet clothes they had stripped off the dead man. As he extracted a water-soaked wallet he grinned! "Ah! He will have no more use for this, our young friend."

In an instant Garreaux was upon him. "Beast! Have you not done enough? Robbing the dead—it is the most unforgivable of crimes!"

For an instant Pierre tottered under the old man's rush and then he crashed to the ground. He arose in murderous fury. "So! You would interfere with Pierre Manton!"

Mad with rage he charged Garreaux, his great arms swinging bearlike from his body. For a moment the old man resisted and then the great fists battered him down. Again and again Pierre's heavy boots drove home murderously until at last, with a long shuddering groan, Garreaux lay lifeless in a corner.

As his rage died Pierre stared about him in fear. There were two dead men in the cabin now. The devil only knew what questions the police would ask. He would have to leave Lost Lake at once. Perhaps, with a break, he would have a week's start before the bodies were discovered.

Pierre was calm and confident as he left the cabin. He knew exactly what he had to do. Across the lake was his own cabin. There he would pack his clothes and supplies for the

getaway. But as he started across the ice he felt his calm self-possession melt away. Slowly, fearfully, panic rose within him.

Halfway across the lake he knew he was being followed. Someone was pursuing him. Someone called to him, soundlessly, as if from some unknown and unfathomable world. Pierre looked back. There was nothing behind him but the night, immense, silent and forboding.

And then he saw it—the swift fleeting shadow beneath the ice—a shadow slowly taking shape! A face was molded around eyes that were mad pools of terror, a mouth twisted in a hideous scream. Hands clawed at the ice with mad desperation!

Fear engulfed Pierre Manton — the black hopeless fear of a soul confronted with unnamable evil. "No! It cannot be!" he croaked hoarsely. "It is impossible!"

And yet with dread certainty he knew it was possible. It was Amie, the spectral lover he had created for Paul Dennis! This was the ghostly sweetheart who had perished in the black and forbidding waters of Lost Lake! And in that moment Manton could hear old Leon's voice echo in the dark corridors of his mind. "I warned you, Pierre! You were dabbling with things you did not understand. I warned you!"

Quaking with fear Pierre backed away from that horror beneath the ice, and as he watched, the lips formed his name as if calling him. "Pierre—Pierre! Help me!"

He never saw the hole in the ice behind him until it was too late. With a wild scream Pierre felt himself falling, felt the freezing waters engulf him as he plunged downward! For a mad, desperate moment he clawed insanely at the ice above him and then the heavy boots were dragging him down—down! And in the last moment of his life Pierre Manton felt the icy arms twine lovingly about his neck, and he felt the cold clammy kiss of dead lips as a ghostly voice whispered, "Pierre—my Pierre!"

A H, YES, now there is truth in the legend of a face beneath the ice of Lost Lake, a face that men see on lonely nights when the wind howls across the frozen wasteland. But the face that pleads silently for help, peering helplessly through the imprisoning ice is that of the eternally damned Pierre Manton!

THE END

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THERE! WE'RE OUT OF THE HARBOR! IT'LL BE CLEAR SAILING TO THE NEWFOUNDLAND FISHING BANKS!



JEFF! WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU LOOK WORRIED AND GLOOMY! ARE YOU SEASICK?



N-NO, NOT EXACTLY! I JUST HAVE A TERRIBLE FEELING THAT THIS VOYAGE IS A MISTAKE---THAT IT CAN ONLY END IN DISASTER...

I KNOW THAT THIS WILL BE OUR FIRST BIG CHANCE TO TEST OUR NEW DIVING BELL, AND THAT WE'RE LUCKY TO HAVE CAP'N MARLIN'S SCHOONER TO GO OUT IN! BUT STILL I---I WISH WE HAD NEVER DECIDED TO MAKE THE TRIP!



SUDDENLY...

A LIGHT! BUT WHOSE---

IT'S A COAST GUARD CUTTER, BARLOW, AND IT'S COMING STRAIGHT AT US!



WHAT'S UP, LIEUTENANT?

WE'RE SEARCHING FOR A BUNCH OF SEAGOING HIGHWAYMEN--- THE MALET GANG! THEY'VE ROBBED A LUXURY YACHT AND STOLEN A FORTUNE IN DIAMONDS! WE'VE GOT ORDERS TO SEARCH EVERY SHIP IN THESE WATERS FOR THEM...



THE HUNT REVEALS NOTHING!

WE'RE HEADING UP TO THE NEWFOUNDLAND FISHING BANKS ON A DIVING EXPEDITION. NOT LIKELY THAT WE'LL SEE THEM THERE!

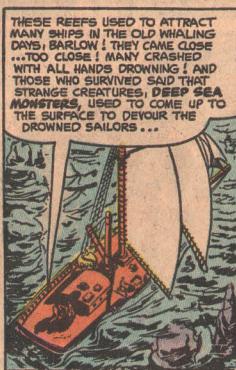
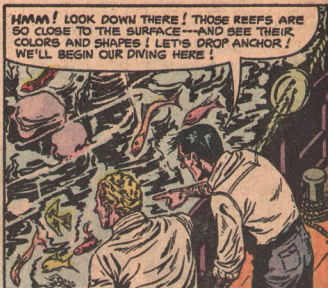
I DIDN'T THINK WE'D FIND ANY TRACE OF THEM ON YOUR SCHOONER, CAP'N MARLIN! BUT WATCH OUT FOR THEM! THEY'RE LED BY AGE MALET, AND THEY'RE HEAVILY ARMED AND DANGEROUS!



NOT LIKELY---BUT POSSIBLE! GOOD LUCK!



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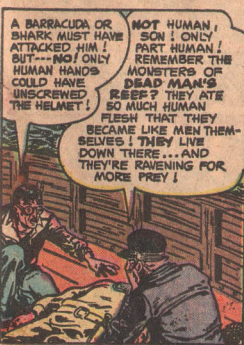
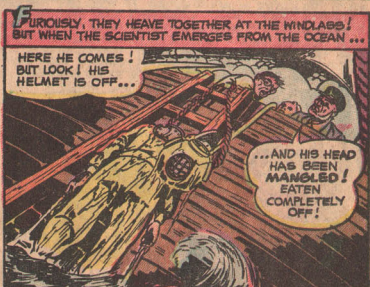
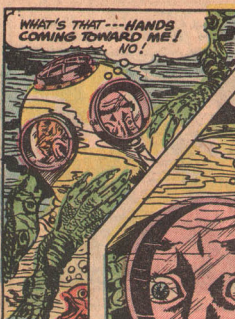
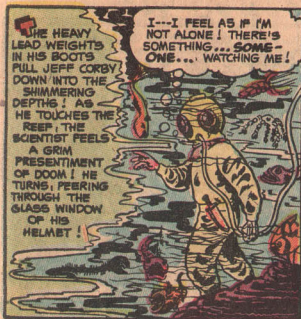
...OVER THE CENTURIES, THEY ATE SO MUCH HUMAN FLESH THAT THEY GREW TO RESEMBLE THE MEN THEY SOUGHT! WHEN A MONSTER ATE A MAN, IT TURNED TO LOOK LIKE HIM AT ONCE! THEY GAINED AN EVIL CUNNING; AND THEY HUNTED IN PACKS...



JEFF CORBY HESITATES! THEN, DRIVEN BY THE ACID SCORN IN BARLOW'S VOICE, HE YIELDS!



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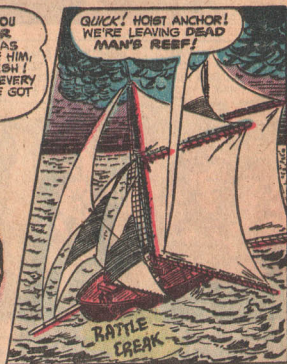
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THERE! THEY'VE PLUMMETED BACK INTO THE WATER AGAIN---WHERE THEY BELONG!

BUT CAP'N, DID YOU SEE THEM? I'M GOING OUT OF MY MIND! ONE OF THEM, THE LEADER, HAD A FACE JUST LIKE JEFF CORBY!

IT'S ALL TRUE---WHAT YOU TOLD US! THE MONSTER THAT ATE JEFF'S HEAD HAS COME TO LOOK JUST LIKE HIM, AND THEY WANT MORE FLESH! THEY'LL ATTACK AGAIN---EVERY CHANCE THEY GET! WE'VE GOT TO ESCAPE FROM HERE....



BUT BEFORE THE WIND CAN BEGIN TO FILL OUT THE SCHOONER'S SLACK SAILS...

LOOK! A SCHOONER DEAD AHEAD! HEAD FOR IT, FERRIS!

CHECK! WE'VE GOT TO GET OFF THIS SINKING TUB!



A SPEEDBOAT! WHAT'S GOING ON DOWN THERE?

STAND ASIDE, MISTER! WE'RE COMING ON DECK!



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NOW! LET'S HEAVE THEM OVER THE SIDE! THEY'LL DISAPPEAR IN THE OCEAN AND NO ONE WILL BE THE WISER! THEN WE CAN PUT OUR PLAN INTO ACTION...



SO, ONE BY ONE, THE BULLET-RIDDLED BODIES OF CAPIN MARLIN, RANCE BARLOW, AND THE SAILORS SINK INTO THE WAITING OCEAN! THEY DRIFT DOWN SLOWLY, AND THE SCENT OF THEIR LIFE-BLOOD EDDIES THROUGH THE DEPTHS! THEY ARE AWAITED...

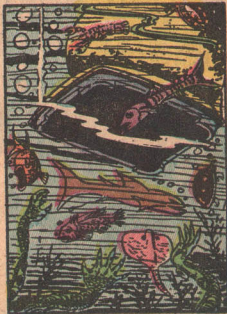
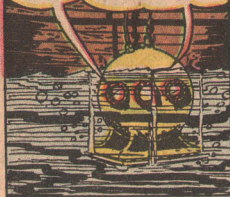


ON DECK... ALL RIGHT, RED! ARE YOU SURE YOU KNOW HOW TO HANDLE THAT WINDLASS?

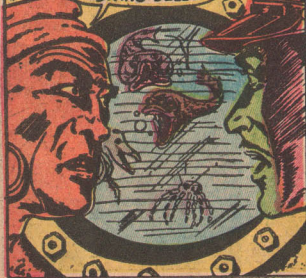
I RECKON SO! IT LOOKS SIMPLE ENOUGH, ACE...



RIGHT! I GET A BIG LAUGH WHEN I THINK ABOUT THAT OLD PHONY WARNING US ABOUT UNDERWATER MONSTERS! WE'D BE BUCKERS TO FALL FOR THAT KIND OF LINE...



HEAR THAT? SOMETHING IS OUTSIDE THE DIVING BELL!

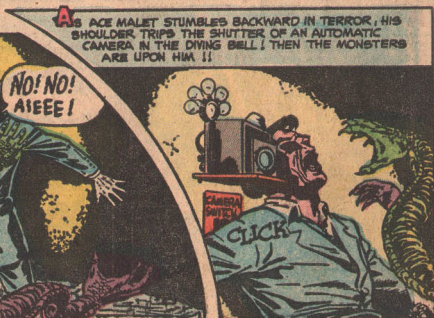
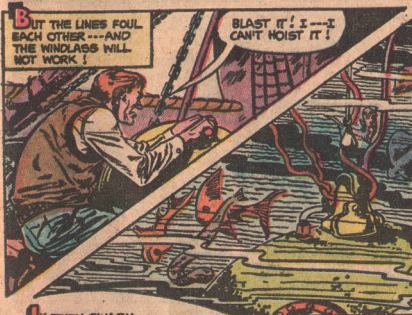


AAHHH! L---LOOK OUTSIDE, FERRIS!

MONSTERS! TH- THEY LOOK LIKE THE SCIENTISTS AND OLD CAPIN MARLIN! THEY'RE TURNING THE HATCH... TRYING TO GET IN!



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ON DECK, RED WORKS DESPERATED AT THE LINES...

THEY'VE STOPPED SENDING SIGNALS! I'VE GOT TO WORK FASTER... GOT TO LOOSEN THESE LINES!

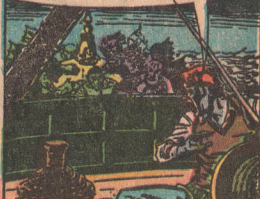


THERE! IT'S WORKING AGAIN! I'LL HOIST THEM UP!



BUT AS THE CHAIN EMERGES FROM THE DEPTHS, IT CARRIES WITH IT A HORRIBLE BURDEN!

MONSTERS... HALF-HUMAN AND HALF-OCTOPUS! THEY'VE BEEN CLINGING TO THE CHAIN AND I'VE BEEN PULLING THEM UP! THEY'RE COMING AT ME, DOZENS OF THEM!



I---I RECOGNIZE THAT FACE! IT'S ACE MALET! AND YOU! YOU'RE BIG DAN FERRIS! STAND BACK! GET BACK, I WARN YOU!!



TH' GUN! I---I'M SHOOTING AT THEM---AND THEY DON'T FEEL A THING!



AT THIS MOMENT...

DEAD AHEAD, SIR! IT'S THAT SCHOONER, THE "NEW BEDFORD!"

GOOD WORK, LOOKOUT! PERHAPS MALET'S GANG HAVE TAKEN REFUGE ON HER---SINCE THEIR SPEED-BOAT WAS SINKING! THROW THE SEARCH-LIGHT ON HER!



AT ONCE, AN UNFORGETTABLE SIGHT IS REVEALED, ETCHING ITSELF FOREVER ON THE MEMORIES OF THE COAST GUARD CREW!



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AS THE POWERFUL LIGHT PLAYS ON THE MONSTERS, THEY STAGGER BACK! BENEATH THE OCEAN SURFACE, EVERYTHING HAD BEEN DARK AND GLOOMY! THE BEAM PENETRATES THEIR BRAIN CENTERS, BLINDING AND HURTING THEM! ONE BY ONE THEY REACH THE RAIL AND DIVE INTO THE OCEAN...



THE COAST GUARDSMEN QUICKLY BOARD THE SCHOONER...

THERE'S NOT A TRACE OF THOSE CREATURES LEFT, SIR! AND ONLY THIS MAN! HE LOOKS LIKE THE THUG IN MALET'S GANG THAT THEY CALLED 'RED'...

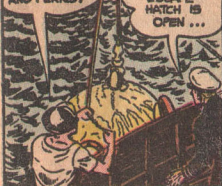
...EXCEPT THAT HIS HAIR IS STARK WHITE, AND HE'S BABBLING LIKE AN IDIOT!



NEXT MORNING, IN THE CLEAR LIGHT OF THE DAY...

HERE COMES THE DIVING BELL, SIR! NOW MAYBE WE'LL GET AT THE SECRET OF WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CREW OF THE "NEW BEDFORD" AND TO MALET AND FERRIS!

HMM! THE ESCAPE HATCH IS OPEN...



NOT A SIGN OF ANYONE INSIDE, SIR, EXCEPT THIS SATCHEL!

LET'S SEE---GREAT SCOTT! THIS CONTAINS THE JEWELS STOLEN BY MALET'S GANG! SO THEY WERE IN ON THIS!



THAT'S THE ONLY CLUE---EXCEPT FOR THIS BIG AUTOMATIC CAMERA, SIR! THE SWITCH WAS THROWN, AND IT'S A SELF-DEVELOPER! MAYBE THERE'S A PICTURE INSIDE THAT WOULD TELL US WHAT HAPPENED...

RIGHT! WE'LL TAKE A LOOK!

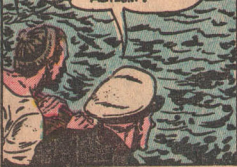


FOR A MOMENT, THE COAST GUARD OFFICER'S FINGERS HOLD A STRANGE PICTURE: BUT THEN A GUST OF WIND THROWS A WAVE HIGH! IT CATCHES THE PHOTOGRAPH...



THERE IT GOES, SIR! IT'S STARTING TO SINK! DID YOU SEE IT?

NO! WE'LL NEVER KNOW WHETHER IT WOULD HAVE TOLD US MORE ABOUT THOSE WEIRD MONSTERS WE SAW---OR THOUGHT WE SAW---LAST NIGHT! AND RED, THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD HAVE HELPED US, IS OUT OF HIS MIND! HE'LL HAVE TO GO TO AN INSANE ASYLUM!



BUT WE SAW IT, DEAR READER, DIDN'T WE? WE KNOW WHAT HAPPENED JUST AS THE SEA KNOWS!!

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The FOREST of DEATH

WHEN GRIM DEATH, THE STALKER OF ALL MEN, PULLS THE STRINGS OF FATE, ONLY THE SILENT GIANTS OF THE FOREST PRIMEVAL ARE ENTRUSTED TO KEEP HIS SECRET FOREVER! IN THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC WHERE THE WOODSMEN FILL THE AIR WITH LUSTY SHOUTS, THE STRANGE STORY OF JACQUE DUSAC AND THE FOREST OF DEATH REMAINS FOREVER HIDDEN!



IT BEGAN ON A MORNING WHEN THE MEN OF THE LUMBER TOWN OF LETROIS STRODE INTO THE FOREST AS USUAL! BIG MEN, PRIMITIVE MEN--- LUMBER-JACKS WHOSE AXE BLADES GLEAMED IN THE MORNING SUN!

SEE YOU AT SUNDOWN, HENRI!

OUI! AU'VOIR, PAUL!



BUT AMONG THEM WAS ONE JACQUE DUSAC, AND HIS SOUL KNEW ONLY AN EVIL FEAR THAT HE TRIED DESPERATELY TO CONGEAL FROM HIS FRIENDS!

JACQUE, I ASK YOU AGAIN, WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE MONEY FOR THE FARM? I GAVE YOU MY LIFE'S SAVINGS-- HALF THE MONEY YOU SAID WE NEEDED TO BUY A LITTLE MINK FARM! MY LIFE'S SAVINGS, JACQUE!

Shhh, PIERRE! THE WOODS HAVE EARS! THIS IS OUR SECRET UNTIL WE ARE READY TO QUIT!



THE SALE IS GOING THROUGH NOW, PIERRE! MEET ME AT OUR USUAL PLACE BY THE OLD OAK IN HALF AN HOUR! I'LL TELL YOU MORE THERE!

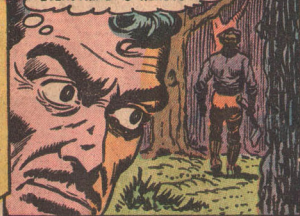
ALL RIGHT! BUT I WANT TO SEE MORE THAN PROMISES OR I TAKE MY MONEY BACK! I HAVE BEEN PATIENT LONG ENOUGH!



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PIERRE WALKED ON AND JACQUE DUSAC'S SHOULDERS DROPPED! THE LIPS THAT HAD SO READY A SMILE BECAME A THIN LINE AND ALREADY DEATH WAS AN INVISIBLE CLOAK ABOUT HIM!

I CAN'T PUT HIM OFF ANY LONGER! IF HE FINDS I SPENT ALL THE MONEY ON MYSELF, HE'LL HAVE ME JAILED! THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO KEEP HIM FROM LEARNING THE TRUTH! I'VE PLANNED CAREFULLY--- EVERYTHING IS READY!



DUSAC BEGAN TO HURRY THROUGH THE FOREST, BUT SUDDENLY HE HALTED! THROUGH THE WOODS CAME THE LOUD, CLEAR GALL, THE TRADITIONAL LUMBERJACK'S CRY OF WARNING, AND HE SAW A FOREST GIANT BEGIN TO TOPPLE!

TIMBER!



THE GREAT TREE CRASHED TO THE GROUND AND DUSAC HURRIED ON! SOON HE STOOD BEFORE ANOTHER HUGE TREE READY FOR TOPPLING! HIS HANDS UPON THE AXE QUIVERED DESPITE HIMSELF!

JUST ONE MORE BLOW AND SHE FALLS!



NOW TO SEE IF HE'S AT THE SPOT YET! AH, YES---HE WAITS THERE FOR ME!



ALL RIGHT, NOW FALL!



THE AXE CHOPPED GLEANLY WITH A MIGHTY BLOW AND SLOWLY, THEN WITH GATHERING SPEED, THE HUGE TREE TOPPLED! AND JACQUE DUSAC GAVE NO TRADITIONAL CRY OF WARNING! FROM HIS LIPS CAME ONLY A HOARSE WHISPER OF EXULTATION!

SHE FALLS STRAIGHT... SHE CANNOT MISS!



HIS VOICE--- IT HAS WORKED! HE IS FINISHED! HE WILL BE CRUSHED TO BITS! BUT I MUST BE SURE!

KARASH!

AIEEEEE... UUH!



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YES--THERE HE IS--CRUSHED!
WHEN HE IS FOUND IT WILL BE
CALLED AN ACCIDENT! MANY A
LUMBERJACK HAS MET DEATH
BY JUST SUCH 'ACCIDENTS'!



I WILL GO BACK TO WORK NOW AND
AT SUNDOWN GO TO TOWN AS USUAL!
NO ONE WILL QUESTION PIERRE'S
ABSENCE TILL IT GROWS LATE!
THEN THEY'LL SEARCH THE WOODS
AND FIND HIM!
IT IS PERFECT!



JACQUE DUSAC LEFT THE CRUSHED
BODY AND RETURNED TO WORK!
THE FOREST WAS UNUSUALLY STILL!
NOT EVEN A SQUIRREL CHATTERED!
IT WAS THE COMPLETE, TOTAL
SILENCE OF DEATH, AND AS THE
DAY DREW TO A CLOSE, DUSAC
WAS GLAD TO LEAVE THE SILENT
TREES!

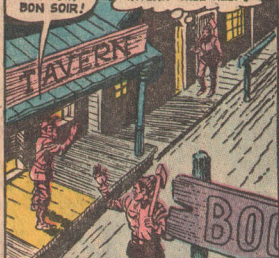


THESE WOODS!
THEY CAN GET ON A MAN'S
NERVES SOMETIMES! MAYBE
I WILL TAKE A REST NEXT
WEEK! I COULD USE ONE!

THE
LUMBERJACK
FOUND THE
TOWN NOISY
AND LUSTY
AS ALWAYS,
BUT THE
HAPPENINGS
OF THE DRY-
CLUNG TO HIM
WITH A
PERSISTENT,
GNAWING
FEAR HE
COULD NOT
SHAKE OFF!
HIS HANDS
CONTINUED
TO QUIVER
STRANGELY
AND SO...

AH! RENÉ,
MON AMI!
BON SOIR--
BON SOIR!

I AM TOO MUCH ON EDGE!
PERHAPS A STOP AT THE
TAVERN WILL HELP!

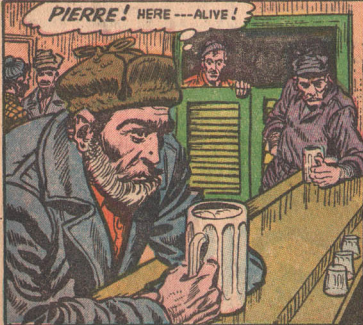


DUSAC STARTED TO PUSH OPEN THE
TAVERN DOORS WHEN SUDDENLY HIS
BREATH STOPPED AND HIS BLOOD CON-
GEOLED IN HIS VEINS!



NO...NO!
IT... IT
CANNOT
BE!

PIERRE! HERE---ALIVE!



PIERRE---HERE---ALIVE! BUT HE IS DEAD!
I---I SAW HIM THERE MYSELF---
CRUSHED!



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BUT THERE HE IS! MAYBE---MAYBE THE TREE DIDN'T KILL HIM! YET I--I SAW HIM LYING THERE DEAD!



SHOCKED BEYOND CLEAR THOUGHT, HIS MIND A WHIRLPOOL OF DOUBT AND FEAR, JACQUE DUSAC BEGAN TO RUN THROUGH THE LAST GLIMMER OF TWILIGHT, RACING FOR THE DEEP DARK OF THE GREEN FOREST!

I--I'LL GO BACK TO THE FOREST AND SEE AGAIN FOR MYSELF! PERHAPS MY EYES PLAY TRICKS ON ME!



THE NIGHT HAD ALREADY THROWN ITS BLACK CLOAK OVER THE FOREST WHEN DUSAC RAN INTO THE WOODS WITH A MIND HALF-CRAZED WITH FEAR!

I MUST FIND THE SPOT! IN THE NIGHT THE FOREST IS A STRANGE PLACE! EVEN THE TREES LOOK DIFFERENT! THEIR BRANCHES SEEM TO REACH OUT FOR ME!



EVEN AS HE SPOKE WITH A THROAT OF QUIVERING FEAR, DUSAC SUDDENLY FOUND HIMSELF HELD BY THE BRANCHES OF A FOREST GIANT! THE ARMS OF WOOD HELD HIM IN A VISE-LIKE GRIP!

I--I CANNOT MOVE! LET ME GO!



LET ME GO, DO YOU HEAR? I--I'LL MAKE YOU LET GO!



I... (GASP)---I'LL MAKE YOU!.... THERE!



THEY--THEY SEEMED ALIVE THE WAY THEY HELD ME! I--I MUST FIND THE PLACE AND GET OUT OF HERE!



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DUSAC TURNED TO HURRY ON, BUT NOW HIS BLOOD TURNED TO WATER! BEFORE HIM A STRANGE, WRAITH-LIKE FIGURE STOOD AND SPOKE TO HIM! DUSAC'S VOICE WAS BUT A SEPULCHRE-LIKE WHISPER!



NO, DUSAC... YOU WILL NOT LEAVE THE FOREST ALIVE!

N-N-NO---NO! IT... IT IS IMPOSSIBLE!

YOU HAVE BROUGHT TREACHERY AND MURDER TO SULLY THE CLEAN FOREST! YOU MUST DIE, DUSAC--- **DIE!**

NO---I-I'LL FINISH YOU ONCE AND FOR ALL!



I'LL KILL YOU--- I'LL KILL YOU!



YOU CAN'T HURT ME, DUSAC! THE TREES WILL PROTECT ME!

NO-- I'LL FINISH YOU!

WILD ANGER FIRED BY THE BELLOWING OF MAD FEAR DROVE DUSAC TO THE TREE! WITH HIS AXE HE CHOPPED AWAY AT THE LAUGHING, GRINNING IMAGE THAT DEIFIED HIM, KNOWING ONLY THE INSANE DESIRE TO KILL---KILL!

HARDER, DUSAC--HARDER! YOU CANNOT HURT ME! TRY--CHOP HARDER!

I'LL DO IT-- I'LL KILL YOU!



THE FURIOUS AXE BLOWS CARRIED QUICKLY THROUGH THE TREE AND SUDDENLY DUSAC HEARD THE CRACK OF A FALLING TREE! BUT IN HORROR HE SAW IT FALLING FORWARD ATOP HIM! THE WRAITHLIKE FIGURE VANISHED AWAY BEFORE HIS EYES AND NOW...

GOODBYE, JACQUE DUSAC-- NOW YOU DIE!

NO...NO!



SO IT WAS THAT BY DAWN THE MEN OF THE MILL TOWN FOUND THE TWO MEN CRUSHED BENEATH THE TREES, SEEMINGLY TWIN TRAGEDIES! THEY SPOKE IN MUSHED TONES, UNAWARE OF THE STRANGE WAYS IN WHICH FATE PAYS BACK THE EVIL IN MEN'S HEARTS!

POOR DUSAC--AND PIERRE! WHAT A TRAGEDY! TODAY SEEN EACH OTHER IN TWIN BROTHER COMES TO PAY A SURPRISE VISIT!

YES-- THEY HAD NOT SEEN EACH OTHER IN MANY YEARS! PIERRE NEVER TOLD ANYONE HE EVEN HAD A TWIN BROTHER! YES---A TRAGEDY, ALL RIGHT! AH---C'EST LA VIE!





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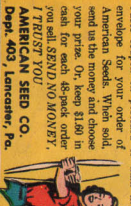
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